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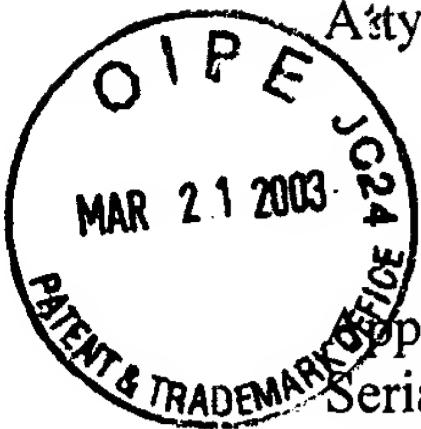
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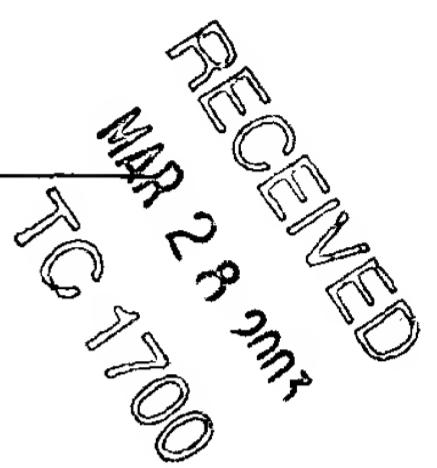
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 25, 2002, in which pending Claims 14-20 of the application were rejected, please reconsider the rejection based upon the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-13, 14-20 and 21-22.

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) A monolayer polymeric film comprising a mixture of a structural polymeric material and a second polymeric material including a printable material, wherein the monolayer polymeric film is formed by mixing said structural polymeric material and said second polymeric material together without an additional coupling additive to form a unitary mixture, stretching said unitary mixture, heat stabilizing said unitary mixture on one or more heat stabilization rollers at a temperature sufficient to cause a portion of said printable material to bloom to a surface of said unitary mixture, and wherein the steps associated with forming the monolayer polymeric film include restricting shrinkage of said unitary mixture in a transverse direction.

24. (New) The monolayer polymeric film as claimed in Claim 23 wherein the step of restricting shrinkage in the transverse direction includes directing said unitary mixture to said